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### The Outlook.

The hand of Germany, which guided the formation of the Triple Alliance whereby Austria, Germany and Italy bound themselves to an offensive and defensive coalition, has been shown and felt again in what is known as a Commercial Dreibund or Zollverein, or, more simply, a Customs-union. The effect is similar to our reciprocity treaties with different countries, whereby, through mutual concessions in the way of duties, the export trade of each country is fostered and increased. The present treaty makes close commercial union between Austria-Hungary and Italy, Austria-Hungary and Germany, and Austria-Hungary and Belgium. It will be noticed that Belgium, which has had little consideration apparently in the past from a political standpoint, comes into this new arrangement, and it is confidently stated that a similar treaty will be made with Switzerland. Chancellor von Caprivi, speaking in the Reichstag, put the matter in a nutshell thus: "Least at any time we are unable to preserve peace, it must be our desire to possess as many faithful allies as possible. These we will be able to gain by smoothing the path of politico-commercial union." The treaties are to hold for twelve years. It will be noticed that the great nations of France, Russia and Great Britain, as well as Spain, are excluded from the benefit of these treaties. In other words, only those countries which can be controlled in their dynastic and diplomatic policy from Berlin are admitted to the union, while there are sharp discriminations against other countries in the way of high protective duties. The effect will be somewhat harmful to the United States, except in faraway years. It will be possible for breadstuffs and other articles to be supplied to these countries by some of the contracting parties at a lower rate than they can be exported from America. We are, however, negotiating a preferential treaty with Germany which will ameliorate the condition in a marked degree. To Germany, in its special relations with these European countries, it means almost inevitably that a close commercial relation must sooner or later result in a firmer political affiliation.

Rarely has a President's Message been received with more attentive consideration than the one recently submitted by President Harrison. Even in a House politically hostile and with 150 new members, it received a more patient hearing than usual, while in the Senate it was listened to with marked deference. The country had been waiting for an official expression on several topics which had come to be of marked importance. The President did not follow the usual custom of presenting first the condition of our relations with foreign governments, but opened with a careful review of the reports of the various heads of departments and the recommendations there contained. His first notable statement is that an agreement for arbitration had been reached in the Bering Sea difficulty, and that the selection of arbitrators was pending. He recommends legislation which shall give the United States Court jurisdiction over offenses committed against foreigners domiciled in this country, so as to remedy such incidents as occurred at New Orleans. He suggests the possibility of a special message should the "offensive tone" of Chile's reply be maintained; is troubled about the condition of affairs in China; strongly opposes the continued exportation of Russian Jews to this country; and recommends that the Government guarantee the bonds of the Nicaraguan Canal. The President makes a brief but strenuous defence of Commissioner Baum and Census-Superintendent Porter, and considers the reports of the latter as specially valuable and authoritative. He deplores the Michigan method of choosing presidential electors (by the legislature instead of by the people), and pleads for some process to avert the evil of gerrymandering States.

It has long been assumed that Christianity in Japan has failed to reach the upper classes, and has affected the uneducated solely. Facts do not bear out this assumption, but show that we have little conception of its rapid growth and dissemination among all classes. Since the adoption of the new constitution and the election of a Parliament by the people, the rise of the Christian element among the Japanese has been very marked, and many of the Christian faith have been called to fill important offices. In the present Parliament there are thirteen baptized Christians, and several others who profess that faith, but have not yet been baptized. It is estimated, too, that whereas the percentage of converts in Japan does not exceed 27 in every 10,000, the corresponding percentage in the class from which the House of Representatives is drawn is 433. It is generally assumed, from the latest statistics, that the number of converts of all denominations in Japan is 100,000, which, for twenty years' work, is a good

showing. Now that Christianity has permeated all classes of society and has gained such a strong foothold, there is every indication that it will increase in arithmetical progression. It is believed, too, that the day is not far distant when Christianity shall be proclaimed as the official religion of the country, and Buddhism and other pagan forms of worship shall be relegated to oblivion.

The secular press is not to be accepted as an infallible authority on the theological standing of those public speakers, who, from time to time, give utterance to their views. Men's beliefs as enunciated by themselves—particularly in the case of those who write and speak largely on religious topics—shade off into the mystical, and are subject to much qualification and explanation, while figures of speech, like mathematical figures, are often misleading. The report of the last meeting of the Unitarian Club in this city is stimulating reading in more ways than one. The subject was the "New Orthodoxy," and as expounded by Professor Tucker, of Andover, and by Rev. G. A. Gordon, of the New Old South Church in this city, would not differ widely from the Methodist doctrine of a free salvation; while there was a reverent acknowledgment from the heart of the divinity of Christ, whatever intellectual by-paths these speakers may have wandered into in the past. Both of these gentlemen expressed their views with refreshing clearness and in unequivocal statement. Had Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., editor of the *Christian Union*, said what the intelligent reporter attributed to him, it would have been a source of grief to his many friends, who love him for his nobility of character and his large-hearted zeal for humanity. Fortunately, a late letter from him dispels all doubt on the subject, and ranges him clearly on the side of reverent believers in the divinity of Christ. Professor Tucker's clear statement on this occasion is worth noting: "Jesus was not a seker after God. His soul was full. He had God. He was God. It was sublime consciousness that enabled him to say: 'I am come that they might have life.'"

While none can predict when the war-cloud now hovering over Europe will break, it becomes daily more and more evident that, under favorable conditions, it will take but a small motive power to set the whole engine of war in motion. That it will come between England and Russia, especially when the latter shall be fully ready for it, there can be little doubt. Turkestan may be said to lie as a buffer between the united countries of India and Afghanistan and the Russian territory. Afghanistan, while nominally independent, has been traversed alternately by England and Russia, and has for many years been a debating ground for these two powers. It is but a few years since the whole world was waiting breathlessly for the result of the diplomatic war of words over the trespassing of Russia in Afghanistan. Russia has never made any secret of its purpose to push on across Turkestan and Afghanistan to the very gates of India. Not a year passes but there is a skirmish on this frontier of more or less severity. The recent movement in the Pamir territory—an open region bounded on the north by Russia, on the east by Chinese Turkestan, and on the south by Afghanistan—has awakened much interest, for, although it is primarily a contest between British troops and certain tribesmen who have entrenched themselves on territory claimed as Russian—a claim resolutely denied by England—it is certain that these tribesmen were instigated by Russia, and that she had determined to acquire the territory by force, if need be, and hold it. England has not been asleep all this time, but is ever on the alert. It is confidently believed that just such conflicts as this will ultimately set the armies of each nation in motion. Russia's objective point is India; that gained, the whole world would doubtless be involved in a war to check the progress of her barbarous hordes fired by the fanaticism of the Greek Church. A large factor in that future will be China, which can put millions of men into the field, led by English officers, and whose proximity to the scene of conflict will enable her to do effective service. Europe will not be Cossack, as Napoleon predicted, without a conflict in which the whole world will have an interest.

### Briefer Comment.

THE conquests of reciprocity come on apace. Scarcely have those of Germany and Spain been accomplished than in rapid succession comes the news of the establishment of similar treaties with the West Indies. The far reaching importance of the McKinley bill is beginning to be recognized, and the example of the United States in arranging preferential treaties and in gaining valuable concessions is being followed by Europe very closely. The reciprocity of Great Britain with the sugar-producing colonies of the West Indies has been completed, with the exception of Jamaica. They include Trinidad and Barbadoes, and also Demerara in British Guiana. It is confidently believed that Jamaica will ultimately enter into a satisfactory treaty.

THE public school question in Manitoba is coming to be a serious one. It will be remembered that the Roman Catholics claimed a portion of the school funds for the separate maintenance of parochial schools—a position which has been strongly combated in the Province. A recent appeal by the Catholics to the Supreme Court at the Dominion capital has drawn out a decision compelling the Province to supply the needed funds for supporting these schools. The ground taken by the Court is that the church had a moral right to have separate schools under the terms of the establishment of the Province. The Government will carry the matter to the Privy Council of England. It seems, however, that the trouble has but just begun, for now the Episcopalians have applied to the courts to compel the maintenance of Episcopal schools in Canada Northwest. They would seem to have equal reason for the prevalence

of their claim, which, if granted, will at once doubtless be followed by those of other denominations. If these rival claims are maintained, it is evident that trouble has but begun for this thirty northwestern country. It will be recalled that the use of the French language in the schools of this Province was forbidden—a measure which created an excitement that has not yet subsided.

IF the making of books there is no end, it may be stated with equal truth of the collecting of them. The library at Harvard University has been rapidly gaining in recent years until it now shows the enormous number of 800,000 volumes. Not less than 11,000 pamphlets have been added within a year. The gift of James Russell Lowell of Italian and Spanish books has proved of great value. One of the volumes given by him was formerly the property of Rev. Increase Mather. The books of the University library have been arranged in departments, and there are special libraries of political economy, American history, and others, adding greatly to the value for students, and affording marked facilities for the pursuit of any specialty.

### GENUINE AND FALSE PIETY.

JAMES HUCKHAM.

EVERYTHING has its imitation, even the bird's voice and the shy flower. Man seems to be so envious of the quality of genuineness in things, that he cannot leave it unassailed, whether by flimsy similitudes or open violations. Nothing that bears the first stamp of truth can escape this plague of mimicry. Even man's own best qualities are imitated and falsified. There is more striving to seem in the world than striving to be—as if seeming were a higher quality of achievement than being.

The disease invades even our religious life. Here, too, there are paper roses for real flowers, and tin whistles instead of bird voices. True piety is the most genuine and beautiful thing in the world, for it is the soul in harmony with God. All beauty is harmony, and spiritual harmony is beauty in its highest stage of development. False piety, therefore, the violation and falsification of true piety, is the most hideous, distorted thing in the universe. It is the false note struck in when the music of the universe, rising through the highest life of the highest creature, is just melting into harmony with the Divine Spirit. What infinite pain must such a discord bring to the heart of the all-loving Father!

We may take, in general, this test of piety: if genuine, it is in harmony with a man's established character; if false, it betrays that character. We have all seen men whose white-washed sanctity, on all public occasions of a religious nature, might well make translated saints feel insignificant; yet we know, and the world knows, that this pink of phariseism is nothing more nor less than a pious cosmetic. It does not harmonize with the everyday complexion of the man's character who wears it. The being of the life does not bear out its seeming. Say, if you will, that the religious character of the man is dominant, and that his secular life, whatever it may be, is wholly subordinate. Religiousness, then, is the melody of the man's life, but hypocrites are the grace-notes; and when the grace-notes are in a different key from the melody, what can you expect but discord? No matter how large a part piety may play in a man's life, unless it permeates and dominates the whole of it, it is false piety. His highest professions amount to nothing unless they are borne out by every smallest act of every day.

But it is not necessary that piety should be pretentious in order to be genuine; rather, it is necessary, in almost every case, that it should not be pretentious in order to be genuine. The piety of man, like everything else which he essays in his imperfect way, ought to be humble. He need not claim to be immaculately good. Only let him make his piety square with his character—let him be genuine, let him be consistent. Piety may be genuine though it makes no claims to being transcendent. True piety is often of the poor publican than the proud pharisee type. It stands with bowed head oftener than with jubilant face turned heavenward. It pleads its failings rather than vaunts its perfections. But it goes away justified, because God loves a character that squares with its professions.

### HISTORY OF THE NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

REV. M. J. TALBOT, D. D.

METHODISM in this portion of New England originated from Rev. Jesse Lee's visit to southeastern Connecticut and southern Rhode Island from his field in Fairfield County, Conn., in 1789. He formed no circuits at this time; and no church now existing traces its origin to this visit. In the following summer, in a more extended journey, he laid foundations for permanent work, preaching at Windham and Norwich in Connecticut, Newport, Bristol and Warren, R. I., spending a few days in Providence, where he preached several sermons, and thence proceeding to Boston. In 1791, the preachers on Hartford circuit, lying on both sides of Connecticut River, extended their travels as far east as Warren, R. I., which became the head of a circuit the following year, reaching as far as Bridgewater, Mass. Greenwich circuit embraced all western Rhode Island. Tolland circuit and Thompson circuit covered the ground in eastern Connecticut, and Methodism was speedily planted in every portion of the present New England Southern Conference. With the decline of the circuit system, it became extinct in numerous small and rural communities, and now has no existence in many parts of this territory. While these losses are to be deplored, it is gratifying to know that, in the aggregate, there have been substantial gains throughout the entire Conference, and churches of comparative strength have grown up in nearly all the towns and cities. With the growth of manufacturing

centres, the population has tended to cities, and there the efforts of Methodism have largely concentrated, and the rural work has suffered loss. Church statistics show this fact and its results—an inevitable consequence.

The General Conference of 1840 set off from the New England Conference the territory comprised in the New England Southern, which held its first session at Providence in June, 1841, under the presidency of Bishop Hedding. The number of ministers was 85. Of these men it would be a pleasure to write, but space would fall to tell of the courtly presiding elder, B. Othman; the sweet singer and sweet-tempered A. D. Merrill; the gentlemanly D. Fillmore; the rugged but kindly and conscientious Wm. Livesey; the genial Jonathan Cady; the eloquent and popular Isaac Bonney; the saintly A. U. Swinerton; the bold and full-hearted E. Blake; the two sweet-spirited Bentons (Erastus and Sanford); the holy, soul-winning B. M. Walker; the quaint but clear-headed J. W. Case; the blunt and soft-hearted W. Emerson; the heaven-aspiring anecdotist, Lewis Bates; the amiable Nathan Paine; the disciplinarian and exegete, Asa Kent; the popular presiding elder, D. Dorchester; the silver-tongued Abel Stevens, whose fame as the historian of Methodism is as wide as the world; the ever-faithful and conscientious Moses Fifield; the patient Francis Dane, whose long-continued affliction tried his graces as in a furnace; the modest, scholarly, devoted David Patten; the retiring, bashful Bonnerges, John Lovejoy; the mild but strong Paul Townsend; and those more recently departed and not less esteemed, F. Upham and J. D. Butler, as well as the sixty other constituents of the body. Led by such men as these, the new Conference at once placed itself in the line of church progress and reform, and took positive ground in relation to intemperance, slavery, education, missions, Bible and tract distribution, preachers' aid, and various local and special measures for helping the interests in need of help—ground to which it has consistently adhered.

Providence, R. I.

### THEN AND NOW: 1841—1891.

REV. D. A. WHELDON, D. D.

MIDWAY in the history of New England Methodism the Providence Conference, now the New England Southern, was organized, with a territory extending from the extremity of Cape Cod to the Connecticut River, with 85 ministers, 64 pastoral charges embracing 10,664 of which 49 per cent. were in Massachusetts, 33 in Connecticut, and 18 in Rhode Island. If the first half of the century was a time of planting the seed, it also witnessed many glorious harvests, so that within the bounds of the new Conference were some of the best and strongest churches of the denomination in New England. But there was much land yet to be possessed. Under the leadership of such spirits as Othman, Upham, William Livesey, and Patten, were earnest and faithful men whose names are written in heaven. With such zeal and fidelity has the work been prosecuted, that at the end of the second half of the century the Conference numbers 215 ministers, with 186 pastoral charges, and a membership of 25,053. Of this number 47 per cent. are in Massachusetts, 26 in Connecticut, and 27 in Rhode Island. The increase in Rhode Island is 238 per cent. Yet these figures tell only part of the story. They do not show the constant changes in population, the decline of once flourishing towns on the seaboard, the exodus from the farming regions, the substitution of French and Irish Catholics for American Protestants in our manufacturing villages, or the vast emigration to other parts of the country, in which thousands have gone to build up the cause elsewhere. It has thus come about that many churches once strong have either become extinct or are maintaining but a feeble existence. Nevertheless, against all these drawbacks and discouragements the increase has been 135 per cent. The scholars in the Sabbath-schools have increased 274 per cent. The Academy, in its infancy in 1841, is a flourishing and widely-influential school, with property, including endowment, worth nearly \$100,000. The church property is valued at nearly \$2,000,000, and the amount given to missions and other benevolences of the church in the last year was more than \$27,000.

The times of 1891 are different in many respects from those of 1841, but the work, though changed in many particulars and become more systematic and exacting, is essentially the same, for now as then the church solemnly says to its pastors, "Observe! it is not your business only to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society, but to save as many as you can; to bring as many sinners as you can to repentance, and with all your power to build them up in that holiness without which they cannot see the Lord." Vigorous, energetic young men, educated and trained, and filled with the Holy Ghost, are in the places of the fathers who have passed away. It may be that the style of preaching is somewhat changed, possibly in some cases due to a false conception of the preaching demanded by the times, but the doctrines are the old Wesleyan doctrines of a free and full salvation to be sought and experienced now. The religious spirit of our people is as true and deep as in former days, though manifesting itself often in other ways. The class-meeting may not be as well attended, but there is more of Christian work. Responsibility for the conquest of the world to Christ is more deeply felt, expressing itself not only in behalf of the heathen abroad, but in labors at home. And not the least is the training in the Epworth League of our young people to a higher Christian and Methodist intelligence and to working together with

God in the building up of His kingdom. May there fall upon the Conference, on preachers and people alike, a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, making them a thousand times more efficient than they are!

East Greenwich, R. I.

### THE CONTRIBUTION FROM N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TO GENERAL METHODISM.

REV. FREDERICK C. BAKER.

REMEMBERING "the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,'" the New England Southern Conference has been generous, to the point of real self-denial, in its contribution of men, as well as means, to general Methodism. We may mention, in the limits prescribed for this article, the names only of those who, beginning their work within the bounds of this Conference, have been called to broader fields and more responsible positions in the varied departments of our flexible Methodism.

A name all worthy to stand at the head of the list is that of Dr. Abel Stevens, the historian of the church, and one of the original members of this Conference. Thanks to our God he still lives and labors, wielding, as ever, a vigorous though careful pen. Dr. Daniel Wise, though still (to our great satisfaction) retaining his membership in the Conference, has been so prominently and efficiently the servant of the whole church, that his name finds its proper place in this list. For four years editor of ZION'S HERALD, and for seventeen years corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union, he has stamped upon a generation of Methodists the influence of a well-cultivated mind and a pure and lofty Christian character. Daniel Dorchester, D. D., whose efficient work in the church, in literature, and in his present responsible position under the Government, is known of all men, began his ministry in this Conference.

To the work of education at large we have given its present scholarly, aggressive and enthusiastic chief officer, Charles H. Payne, D. D., LL. D. To Drew Seminary, the practical theologian, Dr. Samuel F. Upham. To Wesleyan University, its able and successful president, Bradford P. Raymond, D. D., and the now sainted and lamented Professor George L. Westgate. Dickinson College is indebted to us for its brilliant president, Dr. George E. Reed. And Lawrence University, when it called to the responsibility of its highest office Dr. Charles W. Gallagher, secured (to our loss) a president of broad scholarship and deep piety, who, though he did not begin his ministry in this Conference, was with us long enough to be made a blessing to us, and to receive from us the impress which gives us the right and honor to claim him as our own. Dr. Edgar M. Smith, of Kent's Hill Seminary, and Rev. Bennett W. Hutchinson, the successful principal of a young and flourishing academy in West Virginia, are worthy representatives of what we have contributed to general Methodism.

Turning to the prominent pulpits of neighboring Conferences, we behold the sons of the New England Southern Conference, and the Gospel they so faithfully preach has no uncertain sound. In Boston, Emory J. Haynes, D. D., Dr. L. B. Bates, Dr. D. H. Ela, and Rev. Charles L. Goodell; in Worcester, Rev. Wm. T. Worth; in New York City, Rev. Ensign McChesney, D. D., Dr. J. M. Chapman, and Rev. Dwight A. Jordan, with a host of others equally worthy of mention, had our space no limit. To the blessed work (than which the church has nothing greater) of caring for the "Little Wanderers" and fulfilling to them the promise, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up," we have given Rev. Varnum A. Cooper, D. D., and the children's sympathizing friend and helper, Rev. Silas S. Cummings.

Were the data at hand from which to speak with accuracy of the laymen who, converted at our altars and indoctrinated from our pulpits, have gone forth to be pillars of Methodism in all parts of the country, there is no room for doubt that a brilliant showing could be made; but the facts are not available. We may, however, point with pride to Boston University, with its marvelous growth and ever-widening influence for good, as no inconsiderable part of our contribution to general Methodism; from the fact that the two princely laymen, Isaac Rich and David Snow, to whose interest and financial aid the institution owes its existence, were Cape Cod Methodists previous to their removal to Boston. Verily, "they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

It is to be hoped the fact that, with such material as is noted above, we have not yet given a bishop to the church, may be credited to our becoming modesty and cleanliness from the taint of "ecclesiastical politics."

Wareham Point, Conn.

### WOMEN WHOM I HAVE KNOWN.

MRS. A. E. A. LIVESLEY.

ON coming within the bounds of the New England Southern Conference, the first to greet me was the wife of Rev. H. W. Houghton, then at East Greenwich, R. I., a lady of strength of character and of culture of mind and heart, who had few peers in piety and Christian work. Her exhortations, testimonies and prayers in the social means of grace were impressive. I have retained some of them, and oft as they are called to mind, they seem as photographed to my listening ear. Sister Houghton is now gratefully remembered to that church, and cited as a model itinerant's wife.

In the same church, at a later date, I met Miss Sarah H. Palmer, daughter of one of our itinerant preachers, young in years, but

already possessing a Christian character that sought to be consecrated in heart, in soul, in life, to God. Her earnest labors in East Greenwich Academy were an acknowledged power while she was a student in the school. At a later period she sought culture in art, where her piety was tested, but her father remarked, "I have no fears of Sarah; she is established in her Christian character." Her course of study completed, she was called to fill the office of preceptress at Kent's Hill Seminary, and was then so much younger than many of her pupils that she carefully concealed her age lest disrespect should be shown her because of her youth. While here she met a soldier who served in the war of the Rebellion, whom at a later period she aided in a course of theology. Of the years which followed we have no well-authenticated knowledge, till we come to a period when Rev. A. L. Dearing and Mrs. Sarah H. Dearing are found in N. E. Southern Conference and are stationed at Vineyard Haven, Mass. Here Sister Dearing so won the hearts of the people, that members of other churches sought her wise counsels and spiritual guidance. But death suddenly removed her from her many friends, her home and the church; and while the loved form was lowered to its resting place, in February, 1878, the fir trees above sang a requiem to the weeping friends at the open grave. But I am compelled to mention the fact that not even a piece of wood or stone marks the grave of our Christian worker and faithful itinerant's wife.

I now wish to introduce a mother in Israel—Susan Sayer, familiarly known in Bristol, R. I., as "Aunt Sukey." She was very active and useful in every department of church work. Her presence was an acknowledged power. She was a shouting Methodist, and her "Amen" was often heard three or four times during a sermon. One Sabbath a young collegian officiated, and "Aunt Sukey" was silent; she said she could not find any place in a paper sermon to shout.

I desire to return to East Greenwich again, to bring to your view a woman of faith and good works, whose piety is still shining in our midst—Mrs. Phoebe F. Green. When she sought the Lord she was affianced to a young man who was not a Christian. Her clear discernment of Divine teaching caused her to see that God forbade the being "unequally yoked," and she sought counsel of the Most High and asked for the salvation of his soul. God heard her prayer; and both being righteous before God, they walked many years together in the ordinances of the Lord blameless. Sister Green still remains with us, having been a faithful worker in the church until her natural vision failed; now the people come to her for judgment, and she sends to her class from her mount of spiritual vision her testimony of the goodly land soon to be possessed.

And still another with whom I sojourned in this place rises up before me—Mrs. Maria Husted, a worker for many years in our Conference, a woman who had early advantages above many, and who sought to so use them as to make life's path smoother and brighter to others. Like some of the women of Paul's day, she ministered to the necessities of many, and with a delight that made you feel you gave her pleasure when you accepted what she so kindly proffered. She was an intelligent companion in social life, of stately mien, noble in her integrity of Christian character, and without the insignia would be recognized as a "Daughter of the King."

Had I space, I could enumerate other virtues. Our glorious Methodism gives a wide range of vision in selecting women of piety and good works whom neither God nor their consciences condemn; and as surely as the worlds roll on in their own orbits, so surely will these natural and spiritual born leaders move in the path assigned them by the Infinite.

We have an illustration of this in the life of our late beloved sister, Eliza A. Ballou, of Woonsocket, R. I. No peer had she among the membership of her church, and, I think I might add, in our Conference. Brave in the cause of temperance, when bravery cost something, and also in attacks upon every vice, whether found in the great among men who frequented her home, or in the lower ranks of life, all were alike under her condemnation, and had to meet the requirements of the hotel over which she had charge. Many poor families were fed by her bounty, and none in distress were turned away. Her servants would remain with her for years, counting themselves happy in her service. Her generosity to the church knew no bounds, and when the poor could share in it, she was a meet object-lesson of the provisions of the Gospel. Whatever she put her hand to in church work, she made it to prosper not only through her personal effort, but by the inspiration she gave to others. She was wise in counsel, discriminating in plans, and ever alive to the spiritual interests of the church. Long will she live in the memories and hearts of her co-laborers!

But our short list of women of piety and good works must not close without mention of Cape Cod, where nobility of soul and generosity abound. Sterility belongs to the soil alone; the ocean with its wide expanse and the ceaseless music of its waves rather shadows forth the largeness of heart and service done here for the Master. In Wareham, in 1860, the Methodist Episcopal Church was closed, not being able to support a preacher, and a few godly women—Mrs. Meribah Sampson, Mrs. Hannah Stevens, Mrs. Susan Hamblin and Mrs. Ann A. Huckleby—resolved to keep up the social means of grace, and did so for years. In 1869 the church was opened again through the labors of these sisters, who had toiled during these years to keep a fire burning on the altar. And now the church in its increasing prosperity not only rejoices in the work wrought, but in still having these burden-bearers in its midst.



## THE PERSONNEL OF THE NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

REV. W. J. YATES.

## The Effective Men, Members in Full.

**JOSEPH B. ACKLEY** was born and has passed most of his life in "the land of steady habits." He graduated at Wesleyan University, 1884, and entered Conference the next year. With one exception, his stations have all been in his native State. He has not needed to go where he is unknown, to succeed.

**JOHN Q. ADAMS** was converted and joined the church in his native town, Warren, R. I., in 1846. As a local preacher, for several years he built the spiritual house of God and worked at his trade as house carpenter. Since entering Conference on trial in '89, he has done substantial work.

**NATHAN C. ALLEN** came to us in 1886 from New Hampshire Conference. He has been stationed at Marshfield, Chatham and Fairhaven. At the latter place considerable revival interest has manifested. He is secretary of the New Bedford District Ministerial Association.

**JOHN H. ALLEN** is recognized as one of the scholarly men of the Conference and as a thoroughly sound preacher. A graduate of Dartmouth College and of Boston University School of Theology (class of '73), and a student at Leipzig, Germany, he is eminently fitted for a chair in some of our educational institutions. His churches have always appreciated his work.

**WILLIAM H. ALLEN** entered Conference in '84, and has won steady advancement by close application to his work. Some of his sermons, in which he takes high grounds regarding popular amusements of questionable tendency, have been published by the secular press. They stamp him as a man of deep moral convictions and of much pulpit power.

**ALEXANDER ANDERSON**, for above twenty-five years, has served with more than ordinary success churches of various grades in all parts of the Conference. As pastor and preacher he aims at the cultivation of practical piety. Revivals have usually rewarded his labors, and in several places have been extensive.

**EDWARD J. AYRES** is a Virginian. He entered Wilmington Conference in 1871, and transferred to this in '75. Conspicuous position has not been sought, but faithful service in humble position has been cheerfully given by him and has received honorable recognition by the church.

**EDWIN G. BANCROFT** was called from the shoe maker's bench to the army, and enlisted in the 34th Mass. Regiment. Losing a foot in the battle of Lynchburg, he was honorably discharged in '65. Heeding the call to the ministry, he attended Boston University School of Theology and was honorably discharged ready for service in 1869. Since then he has done the duty of a faithful, loyal soldier of Christ and the church.

**FREDERICK C. BAKER**, born in England, converted in Massachusetts, and called to the ministry, was not privileged to take a full course in one of our schools. Like many others, he supplies by native tact and hard study the lack of early advantages, and succeeds by dint of work.

**JAMES I. BATHOLOMEW** is a Wisconsin man. After graduating at Lawrence University, he did pioneer service in the Black Hills Mission. Since coming East, in '86, he has won recognition in this Conference as a clear, philosophical thinker, ready debater, sound sermonizer, and earnestly pious pastor. He is the enemy of all sham, and friend of every true reform.

**EDWARD C. BASS** came to us in '89 from the Maine Conference. He had served prominent churches previously in both the Vermont and New Hampshire Conferences. To fill as acceptably as he is doing the pulpit of his present charge, places him in line with the able men of the Conference.

**GEORGE H. BATES** is from a family noted in New England Methodism for its preachers. He makes things "go"—not by force of preaching alone, but by meeting men on many lines, determined to win them to Christ, and usually accomplishes his purpose. He was in the army during the war.

**SAMUEL M. BEAL**, of Massachusetts birth, was graduated at Wilbraham and Boston School of Theology. In opinions, orthodox; in speech, direct and plain; in action, conscientious, there is no uncertain sound in the trumpet of the Gospel as used by him.

**HENRY E. BENOIT** was a Fall River boy. In youth he was converted from Roman Catholicism and turned toward the ministry among the French-Canadians. Since 1888 he has labored with zeal in establishing the church in Woonsocket, and recently has started services in several other places where there are promising signs.

**S. O. BENTON** comes from a line of Methodist preachers. His grandfather and father were for many years honored members of our Conference. With only the advantages of a high school and seminary course, he has attained to scholarship worthy the honorary degree of A. M., conferred by Wesleyan University in 1887. He has filled acceptably some of our largest charges, and was elected delegate to the last General Conference while a pastor. Sterling integrity, sound judgment, and practical piety are his prominent characteristics. He is as successful as preaching elder as he was as preacher in charge.

**JACOB BETTS** is a Nova Scotian by birth, licensed to preach in New Brunswick, but admitted on trial to Conference in Providence, R. I., in 1882. He had preached five years before coming to the States, and so possessed more than usual experience when he took work with us.

**F. D. BLAKESLEE**, if not a born educator, is certainly an unusually successful one. Pursuing the full course at Genesee College, he graduated in the first class of Syracuse University. He had early experience as quartermaster's clerk in the army, in the pastorate, and in teaching school. In 1873 he was called to the principalship of East Greenwich Academy. Under his management it has attained a degree of prosperity never before known. A year of study and travel in Europe, and another year as pastor at Newport, R. I., prepared him for the severe task so recently and grandly completed of clearing the school from debt and increasing its efficiency in a high degree. Wesleyan University conferred the doctorate in divinity upon him.

**BENJAMIN K. BOWWORTH** has spent more years in the service than usually falls to the lot of Methodist ministers, and is now doing as excellent work as ever. He is a little singular that, born in Swansea, Mass., all his labor has been in charges in southern Massachusetts, excepting a single year at Mapleville, R. I. In the pulpit he is clear in statement, sound in doctrine, and pleasing in address.

**GEORGE B. BRIGHAM** was called from the counter of a dry goods store to preach the Gospel. He fitted at East Greenwich Academy. He comes from a Connecticut home. Ready of speech, and naturally impressive and earnest in manner, he has steadily advanced in position and influence since he joined Conference ten years since.

**DENISON L. BROWN** is another man of Connecticut origin. He was converted at Williamstown camp-meeting in 1860. He served in the army during the war, rising to the position of lieutenant. After being honorably discharged, he entered the ministry in 1865, and has served in the army of the Lord of hosts efficiently since then. As treasurer of the Conference claimants' funds, he has filled, acceptably to his brethren, a difficult position for several years, and earned the gratitude of all interested in that department. His place would be hard to fill.

**JAMES STRAM** in early life learned the blacksmith's trade in England. Later he studied at Kent's Hill, Me., and entered East Maine Conference. On his first charge nearly 250 persons professed conversion, and revivals have been the order of the day since. He came to us in October, 1890.

**WALTER P. BUCK** spent his boyhood on a Pennsylvania farm. Afterward he taught school and studied at Wesleyan University. He has taken two charges since graduation, on both of which gracious revivals have occurred. He stands well among his brethren and the churches.

**RICHARD BURN** entered the Conference in 1875, and has faithfully filled his stations. Without striving for exalted position or personal notoriety, he has quietly, but none the less successfully, built up the church and won sinners to Jesus Christ.

**ANDREW J. COUTLAR** is a son of the Empire State, and also a Middletown man of 1880. Self-reliant, positive in conviction and ready in defence of his opinions, he is courteous in debate and open to new light. A good presence and pleasing address, with genuine piety, make him a popular pastor and rising man in the Conference.

**CLARK CHAPFORD** is West Virginian by birth. He entered West Virginia Conference in 1876, afterward took the course at Ohio Wesleyan, and a partial course at Drew. Three years at Morgantown, W. Va., in one of the finest and most important charges of the section, were followed by three at Van Wert, in Central Ohio, where a new building was erected and continuous revival enjoyed. He is on his third year in this Conference and is maintaining his record for success.

**CHARLES S. DAVIS** dates his conversion back to early childhood, soon after which he was received into the church in Oxford, Mass. Called to preach, he fitted at Wesleyan University, graduating in 1880. The tone of his mind is naturally philosophical. The character of his work is eminently evangelical and evangelistic. Versatile in ability, he aims to bring all forces into full action to build up complete manhood in Christ Jesus. He has been rewarded by seeing many converted under his ministry. His oratorical powers are of a high order.

**WILLIAM F. DAVIS**, like his brother Charles, was converted in boyhood. He devoted himself before entering the ministry to evangelistic work, and has had marked success in his charges in bringing men to Christ. With less opportunity in the schools than many others, he has had greater success than most in the work of the ministry. Sanctified common sense and an enthusiasm for saving men, are the prominent elements of his power.

**GEORGE E. DENNAR** entered the itinerant ranks in 1884, after having spent some time in study at East Greenwich Academy. He believes in, works for, and usually obtains, a revival. He has unusual power as a leader of vocal music, and has done excellent service at our camp meetings on this line.

**ROBERT D. DYSON** is of Scottish birth. He was converted in Connecticut. He is a graduate of East Greenwich Academy and Boston School of Theology. Utterly industrious, no one part of the work is elevated at the expense of another. He is able all around—in pulpit, in pastorate, in administration of finance and discipline.

**WALTER ELIA** took the course at Wesleyan Seminary in Maine, his native State. Some years were spent in teaching in Illinois. He entered Providence Conference in 1861 as probationer. In the pastorate and in the presiding eldership, calm, steady, painstaking work has been the rule of his practice. He is sound in doctrine, and thoroughly Methodist in sentiment. Our ecclesiastical law and polity have been subjects of special study with him.

**GEORGE W. ELMER**, born in North Carolina and orphaned in early life, worked his way to Europe, China and Japan, where he was converted in our mission. Mercantile life, consular service, and Bible Society work, led up to the ministry. He was a member of Japan Mission Conference several years. His wife, the daughter of J. T. Benton, of this Conference, was a missionary there for the W. F. M. Society. He began work in this Conference in 1889.

**THOMAS J. EVERETT** was born, reared and converted in Iowa. From the farm he was called to the pulpit, and prepared for it at Simpson College, Iowa, and Boston School of Theology. He is clear in thought, logical in argument, and lucid in statement. The people grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord under his ministrations. Great reserve strength and courage of his convictions lie back of the ordinarily calm exterior of his manner, and on occasion find full scope.

**HOPKINS B. CADY** was converted "in his carriage, riding through Pascoag woods, 9:30 a. m., Feb. 18, 1866." Becoming a member of Trinity Church, Providence, he was licensed to exhort and preach. He served eighteen months in the army as captain and major in Rhode Island regiments. After some years spent in business life, he entered the ministry, and from the humblest charges has steadily risen to some of the largest. He is a popular preacher, and usually has a church well filled. Musical and artistic talents he possesses in high degree, and is in every respect a live man.

**FRANK L. BROOKS** is one of the young men of the Conference versatile in talent, consecrated in spirit, and indomitable in perseverance. He has uncompromisingly suffered hardships and succeeded in work which would have utterly discouraged a less determined man. Such labors fit one for larger places, and the man is inevitably discovered sooner or later. He studied at Boston School of Theology.

**ALBERT CAMERON** entered the work in 1876 in Pittsburgh Conference. From '85 to '88 he was secretary of the Derry R. R. Christian Association. Two years of special study in Boston University followed, and he received the degree of Ph. D. at Pleasant St., New Bedford, he is winning his way and proving himself a strong man. He was transferred into our Conference at the last session.

**CARL RICHARD CHERBERG** was born, converted, received into the church and to Conference, in Stockholm, Sweden. In 1883 he transferred to N. W. Swedish, and in 1886 to New England Southern Conference. He was educated at Stockholm College. With an agreeable manner, he combines earnestness, devoutness and practical business sense. As a preacher, he is direct, clear, forcible and effective. In labor he is abundant, and the church prospers under his care.

**EDGAR F. CLARK** has served many of the largest and most influential charges, and his firm friends are a host wherever he has been. Scholarly, eminently companionable, with a laugh irresistibly contagious, and once heard never to be forgotten, a true Christian gentleman, he inspires respect for genuine piety which can be as devout in the woods as in the pulpit—as many casting a fly for trout as fishing for the souls of men.

**ROBERT CLARK** is careful, conscientious and painstaking as pastor, preacher and administrator of discipline. Being in judgment cool and conservative, he has aided in several church trials with ability. Debt-raising, church building and revival efforts have all had attention in his several charges as occasion required. He studied at Middletown in 1887 and taught school before he became a preacher.

**L. B. CODDING** comes from the "Bates Family," which has been noted for preachers. In '82 he graduated from Wesleyan University and entered this Conference. In 1889 he transferred to the Maine, and has now returned to this Conference to fill the vacancy recently caused by the transfer of W. P. Stoddard to Iowa.

**HOWARD E. COOK** is from the Pine Tree State. He graduated from Boston University College of Liberal Arts in 1879 and from the School of Theology in '82. He is in manner energetic and positive. A special talent for music has led him to devote considerable time and attention to composition. The cultivation of sacred music has been fostered in the churches where he has been stationed. He has also published considerable music of his own composition.

**ORVILLE A. FARLEY**, after ten years spent in his home Conference in Vermont, came to New England Southern in 1884. He has won the esteem of his brethren and the affection of his churches by a sincere Christian spirit and fraternal manner, without ostentation or crowding for position.

**L. M. FLOCKER** is a graduate of McKendree College and Boston School of Theology. After a year spent in Illinois he came to New England. He entered our Conference by transfer in 1889, and has shown himself to be studious and faithful to duty.

**R. J. FLOODY** enters in the middle of the year from Michigan, to fill the place left vacant at Nantucket by the retirement of Bro. Hill, who left on account of ill health. He begins well, and finds a hearty welcome.

**JOHN G. GAMMONS** was for seventeen years a minister in the Christian and Wesleyan Methodist denominations before joining the Providence Conference in 1873. He was two years in the army, holding the office of lieutenant, and taught two years in a military school. He is popular with his people, usually remaining to the limit of the pastoral term. The present is his eighth year of service spent in one city.

**JOHN N. GRIBLER** spent his early years upon a farm. He is a graduate of college and also of Boston School of Theology. He first took work in 1887 in Wilmington Conference, and transferred in 1889 to this one. He does good work.

**ERASTUS W. GOODIER** is a graduate of Casnovia, Syracuse, and Boston School of Theology. He is recognized not only as a scholar, but as an able preacher and good manager of the general affairs of the church. His election as treasurer of the Conference Home Missionary Society is demonstration of the confidence reposed in his ability and integrity.

**GEORGE A. GRANT** was converted in childhood. He possesses the spirit and skill of the artist in a high degree. Boston University conferred upon him A. B. and S. T. B. on graduation in the two departments. Three years each in his first three charges shows thorough and conscientious work.

**ROSCOE L. GREENE** was a drummer boy in the army near the close of the war. He graduated at Middletown, and entered the Maine Conference in his native State. Four years of work there were followed by three in New Hampshire and eight in New England Conference in Boston. He came to us last Conference.

**EDWARD B. GURNETT** is the son of the late Rev. T. B. Gurnett, of this Conference. He attended the Normal School at Bridgewater, Mass., where he received the call to preach; but, resisting it, followed the printer's trade till, under providential circumstances, he yielded. He is serving his second charge.

**GEORGE M. HAMLEN** was a student at East Greenwich and at Concord. He was licensed to preach in 1851 while at the Academy. His service for six years as city missionary of Taunton, and for one year as chaplain of Bristol County Jail, are well remembered, as well as his labors in the pastorate. For three years past his efforts in behalf of Malianu Seminary, Kinsey, Ala., and evangelistic work have kept him busily engaged. As transportation secretary of the Conference for several years, he has become familiarly known to multitudes whom he has served so genially and efficiently.

**C. E. HARRIS** has had a remarkable experience. Of Jewish parentage, his conversion and entrance to the ministry were naturally striking and surrounded by difficulties. His career has been marked by power in the pulpit to an unusual degree. He came in 1890 to this Conference from Brooklyn, N. Y.

**GEORGE H. HASTINGS** was born, converted and called to preach in the Granite State. He studied in the Conference Seminary of New Hampshire and Vermont, graduated at Boston School of Theology, and has taken post graduate courses in Illinois Wesleyan. Most of his work has been in Detroit and N. W. Iowa Conferences, where he filled important charges and had extensive revivals. He came to us last spring.

**CHARLES T. HATCH** supplied the pulpit in several places for five years previous to applying for admission into the traveling connection. Tact and grace, with consecrated zeal, as in the case of many others among our preachers, have made him successful in his charges. He has been preaching since 1880.

**ELIAS HAWKINS** charges have usually been blessed with gracious revivals. His preaching has been largely directed to reaching the end. Pastoral visiting has received special care. Other interests of the church have received due attention but the emphasis has been laid upon reaching and saving men. It is not strange that his pastorates have so often been to the full limit of time.

**F. L. HAYWARD** had early experience in the lumbering business in the Maine woods, and subsequently in railroad construction in the West in responsible positions. He graduated at Kent's Hill and Middletown, and entered this Conference. He has been much in business circles, and is more than usually in touch with men of that class.

**WILLIAM B. HEATH** dates his Christian experience back to childhood. He is the son of a minister. He studied at Lumburg, Wilbraham, Phillips Exeter Academies and Concord Biblical Institute. He was ordained elder in 1868 by an association of ministers in Providence, R. I., and entered work in this Conference in 1871.

**J. L. HILL** took but one charge with us—that of Nantucket, 1890-'91. The failure of his voice has caused him to remove to the West, where he is studying medicine.

**CHARLES N. HINCKLEY** was converted at old Eastham camp meeting. In early life he taught school. He entered the ministry in California. After eight years of work there, he came East and entered this Conference in 1867. He is good in the pulpit, and his work is solid throughout.

**C. W. HOLDEN** claims Cambridge, England, as his birth-place, and Brooklyn, N. Y., as the place of his second birth. He graduated at Wilbraham and Middletown, and immediately took work in the Conference. He ranks high as a scholarly, devout and well-balanced man.

**JOSEPH HOLLINGSHEAD** is a native of England. His conversion and entrance to ministerial life were in western Pennsylvania. Five years were spent in seminary and college preparation. After twenty years in pastorates in Pittsburgh Conference, he transferred to this Conference and was stationed at Chestnut St. Church, Providence. He has given faithful and laborious service to the church through all these years.

**W. LAMOR HOOD** came from Indiana. After graduation at Indiana Asbury (now De Pauw) University, he was attracted to Boston School of Theology, and completing the course there, took work in this Conference. His sermons have much of rhetorical finish and spiritual persuasiveness. His interest in the young people and work for them give him a strong hold upon them.

**LYMAN G. HORTON** is one of the young men reared within the bounds of the Conference who, by strict attention to the Master's work, winning his way steadily to the front. He is growing, and makes his churches grow in grace, in knowledge, in love and usefulness.

**GEORGE W. HUNT** had a notable experience in his conversion and call to preach. After settling his business in New Jersey as hat manufacturer, he took one of the smallest churches in the Conference under the presiding elder. Indomitable perseverance, intense conviction, and hard Biblical study have borne fruit in steady advancement to the best charges in the Conference. Revivals have been the rule on his charges and he has been in demand among the churches. After a single year spent in the Maine Conference, he returned to us in 1890.

**JOSEPH H. JAMES** from childhood was a Christian. His early home training had much influence on his later life. He studied at Pennington and Middletown. Nearly ten years were spent in New Jersey Conference. One year he was chaplain of a New Jersey regiment in the army. From 1861 to 1890 he

served some of the largest and most influential churches in our own Conference. Since that time he has been secretary of the Connecticut State Temperance Union. As speaker and writer he is forcible and clear. He is ready in debate, fraternal in spirit, sympathetic in disposition, earnest and active in labor.

**S. F. JOHNSON** came from Ohio, graduating at Muskingum and at the School of Theology, Boston. He took one charge in Wilmington, and two in East Ohio Conference, before coming here in 1890.

**EDWIN F. JONES** was in early years an actor, and graduated "from the stage to the pulpit." He had considerable experience in New York city mission work. Unique in methods, original in style, sound in doctrine, loyal in discipline, he has believed in so preaching as to make a sensation that would lead men into the Christian life. Oftentimes his congregations have been limited only by the capacity of the house, and many have professed conversion under his ministrations.

**MATTHIAS S. KAUFMAN** is a graduate of Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute. He was three years in the army. He has had stations in Illinois, Minnesota, and New England Southern Conferences. He is now taking special studies in Boston University, and supplying a Congregational pulpit.

**ROYAL J. KELLOGG** studied at Alfred University. He was converted in young manhood, and became a teacher. Nine years in Wyoming Conference were followed by two years as principal of Monrovia Seminary, Liberia, Africa. He has, since '86, been a member of our Conference, and is in labor abundant for the church and her Master.

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**HARTLEY A. RIDWAY** was converted in Warren, R. I., during the pastorate of Rev. E. F. Clark. He was a weaver and loom fixer in the cotton mill. At Ashton, R. I., he began services which resulted in the present M. E. Church at Berkley, R. I. His call to the ministry was unmistakable. He married a lady converted in the same revival as himself. He is happy, steady, substantial.

**JOHN A. ROOP** has given ten years' service in the Conference. Fearless in denunciation of evil, alive to every interest of the church, spiritual and material, he skips a church as skillfully as he does a yardstick.

**FRANCIS D. SARGENT** was converted in a Congregational church where two generations of ancestors had worshipped. He became a Methodist on conviction. His ministerial life has been in Michigan, Genesee and Northern New York Conferences, but principally in New England Southern.

**RICHARD E. SEW** graduated from a Presbyterian college in Indiana, and from Drew. Two charges in Newark and two in Minnesota Conferences were followed by illness, a trip East, and decision to remain here. He took work with us at the last Conference.

**ORANGE W. SCOTT** bears a name well known to New England Methodism. He has been pastor in Maine, New Hampshire and Wyoming Conferences, and came to us as principal of East Greenwich Academy, 1886. Since leaving that position he has served prominent churches.

**ARTHUR N. SHARLES** attends to business both in literary lines and practical pastoral duties. He stands well in the class of rising young men. He came from North Ohio Conference in 1889. He is from Boston University School of Theology.

**BENJAMIN F. SIMON** is from the same church (Brooklyn, N. Y.) as Bro. Conliss and Stoddard, and like them a Middletown graduate. His abilities and merits would long since have given him larger place and opportunities but that native modesty fills in him the place that with so many is occupied by assurance and self-assertion. We look for him to yet come more to the front, if not the top, when the churches find him out.

**CHARLES SMITH** was admitted on trial in 1889, and is serving as his first charge a young society where he is repaying in work which will tell in years to come to his credit and the advantage of the kingdom of the Lord.

**ELIJAH F. SMITH** came from Staffordshire, England. He acted for two years as copartner in Newark Conference. With the exception of two charges in New York State, his ministerial life has been in this Conference. He stands well among his brethren and in his churches.

**WILLIAM J. SMITH** is known as a "three years' man." He wears well, and does well whatever he undertakes. He makes steady progress, with no attempt at sensationalism, and a secure reliable reputation for oratory and elocutionary ability. At camp meetings and on special occasions, as well as in his regular ministrations, he often thrills a congregation by passages of power and beauty. He has been a member of Kansas, North Ohio, and Illinois Confer-

ences, as well as of this one. He has been with us since 1879.

**JOHN MC VAY** has had great success in evangelistic work, not only on his own charges, but in assisting other pastors. To get men converted and established is his aim.

**JUSTUS H. NELSON**, as teacher, preacher in charge and presiding elder of Bristol District of our Conference, must have his hands, head and heart full, and be considerable of a man to cover all the field well.

**ELMER F. NEWELL**, son of the late Rev. F. C. Newell, of this Conference, is a graduate from Middletown, and does honor to the training of his early home as well as that of the schools. His work shows ability, consecration, and tact. "Peace if possible, but truth at any rate," he adopts from Luther as his motto.

**WILBUR C. NEWELL** is son of the late Rev. F. C. Newell of our Conference. He studied at East Greenwich, Middletown and Boston. Reliable, steady and thorough work on all lines is the record he is making.

**JOHN H. NEWLAND**, son of a Methodist minister in Iowa, worked his way through college in his native State in a class which gave seven men to the ministry and three ladies to be ministers' wives. He joined the Maine Conference, but came to Boston Theological Seminary, supplying a pulpit during his course. In his present charge he has seen a crushing debt paid, added largely to the membership, and is moving forward for extensive repairs upon the church edifice.

**JAMES H. NUTTING** is a native of the Conference, and has given nearly twenty years of earnest service in various charges. He seems to have found the place for which he is peculiarly fitted, or rather been found by it, in his present appointment as chaplain of Rhode Island State Institutions.

**JOHN OLDMAN** had birth, education and early experience in preaching, in England. His business ability, sound sense and warm piety have given him a firm position in the Conference. Church building and repairs have been successfully conducted in several cases. Special talent and success are his, also, in the evangelistic field.

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### East Greenwich Academy.

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The East Greenwich Academy is the oldest literary Institution of American origin. The school, which was opened here after it was chartered in 1802, has continued without interruption to the present time. Until 1841 it was known as the "Academy," and was in private hands, but purchased it for its organization in that year, and then for a Conference Academy. It consists of two buildings, 60x30 feet, one story high, which was bought in 1859 and removed to give place to the present brick structure, and is now used as a public school. The large and commodious Boarding Hall was erected in 1868 and was remodeled and enlarged at a cost of \$15,000. A private residence called the Winsor House, was built in 1856, and the Principal's residence across the street from the Boarding Hall, was acquired in 1888. The original lot was enlarged to over five acres.

This institution is most beautiful, on an elevated position Narragansett Bay, and

here begun a Christian life, and several have already this year professed conversion.

Among the former principals were Dr. Benj. F. Tefft, for years editor of the *Ladies Repository*; Dr. Micah J. Talbot, of the New England Southern Conference; Dr. Robert W. Quereau, of Aurora, Ill.; and Dr. George W. Edwards, of Randolph, New York. The present principal is Dr. F. D. Blakelee, who was called to the position in 1873, and has been New England principal. On the roll of former students are the names of Chief Justice Mattison, of the Supreme Court of the State, and his associate, Justice Tillinghast; Dr. S. F. Upham, President W. F. Warren, Senator Aldrich, Secretary C. H. Payne, Brown University.

The following Bishops have presided at the sessions of N. E. Southern Conference: Hedding, 5; Waugh, 4; Morris, 3 (with Hedding, 1);

Principal F. D. Blakeslee.

Principal's Residence

New England Southern Conference.

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The Providence District was the second to organize at the Mathewson St Church, Providence, March 1890, with Rev. J. F. Cooper as president, and

*Central Falls.*—Chapter 671; chartered Septem-  
ber, 1880; members 27.

vice presidents, Mrs. J. F. Cooper, Ellen E. Sad e E. Peckham, Beth A. Peckham; secre-

A. B. Williams, Miss Mary Davison; secre-  
Edith L. Foster; treasurer, William Holland.  
ville.—Chapter 285; chartered June, 1889;  
rs, 65; president, Rev. G. H. Bates; vice-  
nts, T. W. Sturgeon, Rosa G. Weston; vice-  
secretary, D.

Chapter 3509; chartered March 26, 1880; members, 225; president, E. E. Rotary, N. L. Burbank.

Chapter 547; chartered July 10,  
1902. President, Mrs. Hattie Brownell;  
vice president, C. H. Ewer. Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Ashley; treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Leavell.

Chapter 2104; chartered  
77; president, W. D.  
Mrs. M. L. Bicknell,  
son, Emily G. Parker;

r, M. Casilda Coy.  
 chartered Aug. 13,  
 Rev. W. S. Fitch;  
 as. Collins, Abbie  
 Leonora Gordon;

The following served as secretaries of the N. E. Southern Conference: D. Fillmore, 2 sessions; A. U. Swinerton, 1; D. Patten, 5; M. J. Talbot, 25; D. Wise, 3; J. Robart, 1; S. C. Brown, 5; A. Palmer, 2; S. O. Benton, 7.

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## Review of the Week.

Tuesday, December 8.

— Lopsy, the New York wife murderer, was electrocuted at Sing Sing.

— Congress adjourned; several new senators sworn in; the House adjourned after roll call; Springer's vote gives the Democrats nomination for Speaker.

— The Cosmopolitan magazine secures Mr. Howells on its editorial staff.

— Italy beginning to take interest in the World's Fair.

— The trustees of Columbia College vote to admit the general public to certain courses of lectures.

— Sawtell, the fratricide, tells his story in court, amid great excitement on the part of the spectators.

— President Whitney, of the West End Company, describes to the Rapid Transit commission his method of accelerating local transit.

— Report that 180 miners were killed by an explosion in a Russian colliery.

— The receiver of the wrecked Mavorick Bank has deposited assets of \$2,500,000. It is believed 75 cents on the dollar will be paid, the first payment being 30 per cent.

— After two years the Government sends testimony in the suit against the Bell Telephone Company.

— The county commissioners of Columbus, Ga., have appropriated \$40,000 for the construction of a mob-proof jail.

Wednesday, December 9.

— Sudden death of Col. W. W. Clapp, for many years editor of the Boston Journal.

— Sensation caused in Chile over the cable account of Secretary Tracy's report of the "Baltimore" affair.

— Chinese rebels in full flight, and Manchuria controlled by the imperial troops.

— Wedding of the Prince of Wales' eldest son to Princess Victoria Maria of Teck arranged for March 10.

— Warrants out for all the members of the firm of Field, Lindley, Welch & Co.; the health of Cyrus W. Field improving.

— It cost \$25 to educate each pupil in the Boston public schools last year.

— The President of Switzerland resigns.

— A man arrested in California for stage-robbing turns out to be the son of Joaquin Miller.

— A reciprocity treaty practically concluded between the United States and Germany.

— An appeal to the world in behalf of the half-million Japanese whose homes were destroyed by the earthquake.

Thursday, December 10.

— The Supreme Court of New Hampshire denies Sauter's petition; his sentence will be executed.

— The famine in Mexico increasing in seriousness.

— The situation in Brazil increasingly critical.

— The President's Message read to Congress.

— Disastrous explosion and fire at the fire-works manufacture of Masten & Wells, Sweet Street; one life lost.

— Newfoundland imposes a duty on Canadian products 300 and 400 per cent. higher than on imports from the United States.

— The senior partner of a candy factory, foreman and six girls, with four firemen, perish in a conflagration at Louisville.

Friday, December 11.

— A further incendiary fire in Beverly.

— A terrific race racing on the English coast.

— The Chinese rebels again beaten.

— The king of Greece is suffering from small-pox.

— The fatal bottle produced at the Graves trial; it contains a strong solution of arsenic.

— Training school for colored house servants to be opened in Washington.

— In the Senate the time was occupied with the introduction of bills.

— A revolt against the Peixoto government has broken out in Campos, Brazil; ten persons were killed.

Saturday, December 12.

— Henry L. Norcross, a Boston broker, identified as the man who threw the bomb at Russell Sage.

— An electric road to be built connecting Lawrence, Haverhill and Lowell.

— The wheat glut in the West seriously troubling the Atlantic steamships.

— British troops fight with the natives on the Pamir frontier.

— The government will probably bring suit against the Boston & Maine road to test the legality of free passes.

— Gen. Armstrong, of the Hampton Institute, is improving in health.

— Lord Dufferin in the late Lord Lytton as British ambassador to France.

— The poet, John G. Whittier, receives congratulations on reaching his 64th birthday.

— There was an uproar in the French Chamber of Deputies, caused by a remark of the president, M. Floquet, that Pope Pius IX. was a freemason.

— The Hayti Government has proclaimed a general amnesty for political offenders.

— Reciprocal concessions granted from Germany in return for the free admission of beet sugar.

— The whole of Madagascar that is subject to Hova rule crossed against the French.

— Lord Salisbury re-opens negotiations with Ribot for a settlement of the Newfoundland dispute.

Monday, December 14.

— Harvard College library has 800,000 books, pamphlets, maps, etc.

— Michael Davitt wounded by a mob of Parnellites at Waterford, Ireland.

— Baron Hirsch has purchased 3,000 square leagues of land in northern Argentina.

— Domain larger than the kingdom of Montenegro.

— Yale has 1,781 students.

— Norcross fully identified as the dynamiter in the attack on Mr. Sage.

— Chile replies that this government has been misinformed, and that justice will be done.

— Death of Miss Julia A. Ames, associate editor of the Union Signal of Chicago.

— The widow of Rev. Charles Kingsley, who was his biographer, dies in England.

— California visited by a destructive wind storm; two persons killed; much property destroyed.

— Strong support among all parties in the Reichstag given to the new German commercial treaties.

— In the French Chamber of Deputies a heated debate takes place on the hostile attitude of the clergy.

— The "Baltimore" sails from Valparaiso for San Francisco.

— The Governor of Rio Janeiro yields to the pressure for his resignation.

— Mrs. J. C. Ayer and her son, Frederick F. Ayer, of New York, have given the Ayer home in Lowell, and other valuable property, to the Young Woman's Home.

THE CONFERENCE.

[Continued from Page 3.]

It was a trying position for a new pastor to take up the work at the time of his death; but Bro. Kidder's pastorate has been a success; he is now entering his fourth year, and there has been no retrograde, but a constant onward movement in church work, and he has proved himself to be well fitted for the position of a Christian minister. The church and parsonage are free from debt, the sittings in the church are free, all expenses are paid by weekly offerings, and, with God's blessing upon us, we hope to do good work for Him in the future.

— Hanover. — Sunday, Dec. 6, was a day of special interest to Hanover Methodists. An unusually bright and promising class of six persons—five young men and one lady—were admitted into full fellowship with the church, after which an eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. G. S. Painter, of Indiana. All the departments of church work are in a prosperous condition. The attendance at class-meetings has more

than doubled, and attendance on the other means of grace has largely increased. The pastor, Rev. C. O. Kepler, has been indefatigable in pastoral work. He has doubled the number of subscribers for Zion's Herald, and raised a large club for another church paper. Revival services are to be held immediately after Christmas, which will be conducted by Rev. S. T. Washburn, of Boston University. Pastor and people are united, and are praying for a blessed outpouring of the Spirit of God.

## Norwich District.

The following data in regard to the Epworth League of Central Church, Norwich, was received too late for insertion in its proper place on the 6th page in the list of Epworth Leagues in the N. E. Southern Conference:—

Norwich, Central. — No. 6974; organized Nov. 20, 1891; president, Miss Frankie Mowry; vice-presidents, Mr. Robt. McMullen, Miss Lizzie Davis, Miss Nellie Tirrell, Miss Gertrude Scott; secretary, Geo. L. Tirrell; treasurer, Miss Rubie Harris.

## MAINE CONFERENCE.

## Lewiston District.

Turner. — Rev. A. D. Grafton has just closed a three weeks' pastoral meeting with grand results and deepening interest. Last Sunday one young man rose for prayers. Large congregations gathered on the Sabbath, and the Sunday-schools are growing in interest and numbers.

Mechanic Falls. — A new furnace has replaced the old one; the audience room and vestibule have been frescoed and painted, and the windows provided with inside blinds. The cost has been \$425, and the bills are all paid. Rev. S. K. Mitchell, evangelist, is soon to assist Rev. C. F. Parsons.

## Augusta District.

Monmouth. — By unsuspected absence, Rev. J. H. Roberts escaped a most severe "pounding," which fell to the lot of his wife, the remains of which greeted him on his return.

Winthrop. — The parsonage has been painted at an expense of \$50. At Thanksgiving, a good supply of groceries and a fine turkey made the family of Rev. O. S. Pillsbury happy. The "week of prayer" proved a great blessing, several having been reclaimed. A new chorus choir is doing excellent service.

## Portland District.

Woodford. — Last quarter, 2 were baptized, 5 received into full membership, and \$100 raised for painting and papering the parsonage. Five have since been added to the church. An earnest, spiritual, hard-working mind possesses this prospering church and Epworth League.

Alfred. — This church has received a great spiritual uplift in observing the Ecumenical "week of prayer." A few Christians came together in the small room of the church to pray for the Holy Spirit, other Christians came in, and the room was soon found to be too small. They changed to the large vestry, where the meetings continued with increasing interest and a large attendance. Some new voices are heard praising God. The Christians are still holding on with continued prayers and earnest faith, looking for the power of God to come upon the town, that many souls may be saved. Pray for Alfred!

Pine St., Portland. — The church work here is increasing in interest in every department. Sunday, Dec. 6, 16 were added to the church, and the largest number of communicants of any Sabbath for the two years past were in attendance. The Sunday-school, under the superintendency of F. B. Clark, is constantly gaining in membership. Although so many are sick, and others have removed to different localities, yet the incoming of strangers sustains the usual number in the congregation, while the pastor declares the whole counsel of God. About 300 railroad men listened to the special sermon to them in a course to working people which was largely patronized.

South Portland. — Rev. T. F. Jones has baptized several of late and received 9 into full membership from probation. The League is prospering. A circle of King's Daughters raised \$225 toward the church debt at a "jug-breaking," with which they purchased a "stranger's paw" in the church, turning the balance toward another paw—intending to keep this up, and turn the paw paid for into the church to be kept free. The League is also looking after poor and needy families. A home camp-meeting will soon be held.

Gorham, Portland St. — An Epworth League convention was held in this church, Nov. 19, afternoon and evening. The subject for the afternoon was, "Methods of Conducting Meetings." The pastor opened a question-box, and was aided by responses from Revs. S. B. Sawyer and G. E. Palmer. This was followed by an address by Rev. G. R. Palmer.

In the evening the exercises consisted of music by the choir and a ladies' quartet, and speeches by Rev. M. B. Pratt and the presiding elder, with Mr. G. P. Plaisant in the chair. Enterprise like this on the right line of progress stirs the workers to activity and is a blessing to the society.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

## Manchester District.

The Epworth League at Henniker has arranged for a course of lectures. The first one has been given.

Manchester, St. Paul's. — Rev. C. D. Hills and wife rendered a reception to the members of their congregation on Thanksgiving evening. A large company was present, and the evening was spent very pleasantly. There are large congregations here, and souls are being converted.

The preachers' meeting at Andover, Dec. 2, was a very interesting occasion. The papers and addresses by Bros. Cilley, Tyler, Tyrell, Russell, McClure and Cotton, were greatly enjoyed. There is a fine religious interest in this charge. On a recent Sabbath 2 were admitted into full connection, and 10 on probation. The children's class is worthy of special mention. The meeting of Dec. 3 had twelve present. The Spirit of God came on them in wonderful power, and the meeting lasted an hour and a half. The young people cried and laughed by turns, and shouted praises to God. The effect of the meeting has been in the homes of the children and in the other services of the church.

A new well has been dug at the parsonage at North Salem and a new pump and sink purchased and put in place. The pastor, Bro. Draper, is looking earnestly to get a little fruit from this well-spring.

The Epworth League at Hudson has 43 members, and is doing excellent work. The reports at the third quarterly conference showed marked progress in many particulars. Bro. Kellogg is serving his fourth year with this people.

Rev. Fred E. White, of Salem Depot, writes under date of Dec. 7: "Rev. C. H. St. John and wife, of Kansas, closed their labors with us yesterday. Their preaching has been

wonderful, their methods wise, and their spirit sweet and tender. Grand sermons never were heard in this town. Their addresses at separate services for men and women on social lines have lifted the moral tone of the whole community."

## VERMONT CONFERENCE.

## St. Albans District.

The District Epworth League Convention held a one-day session at Enosburgh Falls, Dec. 11.

Bro. J. S. Tupper, of Brandon, the provisional pastor at Seaton, has moved into the parsonage with his family.

Highgate Epworth League holds on its way in these days of unrelenting, and elects its delegates to the district convention, as also does the Fairfax chapter, where Pastor Clark is still finding much encouragement in the work. Some new cases of conversion are reported since our last report. The social meetings at the village are large; one hundred being counted at the Sunday evening meeting of this character on a recent occasion.

Georgia and North Fairfax are having revival meetings. Pastor Knapp recently had a surprise party at the parsonage, leaving him some valuable tokens of the esteem in which himself and family are held by the people of that community.

The Presiding Elder has been aiding in protracted meetings held on the Wolcott charge.

St. Albans church observed the Methodist "week of prayer" with a preaching service and prayer-meeting each evening. They were a means of grace, spiritual and profitable. Sister Warren, well known on the district as a saintly and devoted woman, usually present at our camp-meetings, died at the hospital in St. Albans, Nov. 9. She had been for some time in failing health, and had been living away from town with a daughter in Massachusetts and later with a daughter in Grand Isle, and was at the hospital here but a few days, dying very suddenly. For many years she was matron of the Warner Orphan Home of this village, and, with her husband, one of the originators of the "Mission" in the lower part of the town, now supporting a regular missionary. Her funeral was held in the Methodist church on a Monday afternoon, and a large audience was present, representing every denomination of Protestants in the town. She was respected and loved by all.

In the devastating fire that raged in St. Albans on the early morning of Nov. 26, the First Congregational Church of St. Albans was burned, leaving only the brick walls standing. That church now, on invitation of our quarterly board, holds its services in the Methodist Church edifice at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Epworth League here now numbers 130 members, and recently held a festival where very much enthusiasm was manifested. A Junior League, also, has been organized of between 30 and 40 members, which will have some good things to report further on.

Thanksgiving services were held in many churches on the district where Methodist preachers officiated. This may account for delinquency in forwarding the news.

Bro. Snow is reported as arriving at his new charge in Arizona and pleased with his appointment.

## EXCURSIONS TO WASHINGTON.

A series of personally conducted tours to Washington has been arranged via the Royal Blue Line for December 29th and January 7th. The tickets include all necessary expenses of a three days' trip, and provide for hotel accommodations at Washington, meals en route, baggage transfers, etc. Rates from New York \$10.50, \$12.50 and \$13.25. Proportionate rates from Boston and other New England points. For program describing these tours to the Thos. Cook & Son, agents for E. & O. R. L., at 261 and 1225 Broadway, New York, or 332 Washington Street, Boston.

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THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS was where Andrew Carnegie gained his start; forty years ago a poor Scotch boy—to-day prince of manufacturers, author and philanthropist. It is from his own experience that he is to write for The Youth's Companion on "Habits of Thrift."

The Christmas display in H. A. Hartley & Co.'s windows, at No. 95 to 105 Washington Street, is one of the most attractive holiday sights in Boston. Every article shown is to be sold at a bargain.

Mr. Thomas P. Anderson, the well-known young journalist of Boston, has relinquished his connection with the Globe to accept the position of press agent of the New York & New England Railroad. Mr. Anderson is very enterprising and judicious, and in his capacity as press agent of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, the past season, has earned the credit of securing for the Province of Nova Scotia the greatest boom it has ever experienced. He is the right man in the right place, and the road is fortunate in securing his services.

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REV. DR. E. H. DEWART, editor of the Christian Guardian, the official organ of Canadian Methodism, will contribute an article upon "The Union of Canadian Methodism."

THE SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL LOVEFEAST, to include the *Wives of Deceased Ministers*, will occupy one week. We shall also provide a SUNDAY SCHOOL NUMBER, a CHURCH MUSIC NUMBER, a WOMAN'S NUMBER, all the contributions in the latter to be written by women.

There will be a LAYMAN'S NUMBER, in which the *Pew* will frankly utter its opinions; and a MEMORIAL NUMBER, in which will appear a full record of the first page of the first Zion's Herald.

Thirty-five years ago, when DR. MARK TRAPTON was a member of the House of Representatives at Washington, he raised the purchase price of a Negro woman, who was to be sold immediately to go into the further South, and presented her freedom papers to her in person. He has written, by request, an account of the same, which will appear, with a portrait of the woman and copy of the subscription paper, in an early issue of Zion's Herald.

PRESIDENT RAYMOND, of Wesleyan University, will prepare, by request, a contribution on "The Study of the English Bible as a Classic in Colleges."

PRESIDENT ANDREWS, of Brown University, has consented to write an article for us upon "How shall the University Promote the Highest Citizenship?"

PRESIDENT GATES, of Amherst College, will provide a paper upon "The Supreme Work of the College."

The last and League issue for December will contain upon our first page a happy and encouraging surprise for the Epworth Leagues.

Our second GILBERT HAYES NUMBER will appear the second week in January, under the title of "Keeping his Memory Green," and will be made up in part by the following contributions: Dr. Daniel Steele, "His spiritual Side;" Dr. J. W. Hamilton, "With Haven at the First Grand Inauguration;" Dr. G. M. Steele, "Reminiscences;" Prof. Geo. Prentice, "Latest Estimate of the Man;" Prof. L. T. Townsend, "Haven's Theology;" Dr. J. O. Knowles, "A Photograph of the Man;" Mrs. Mary Haven Thirkield, "My Father in the South;" Dr. R. S. Rust, "Planting Schools;" Dr. Arthur Edwards, "Reminiscences;" Lucy Stone, "Haven as a Reformer;" Miss Frances Willard, "His Relation to Women;" Dr. J. W. Lindsay, "The Hour of his Grief."

A new departure for the coming year will be a delightful serial story by MYRA GOODWIN PLANTS, whose short stories and poems are so frequent an attraction in our columns, entitled, "A Great Appointment." It will continue about four months, and while of interest to readers of all ages, will come close to the every-day lives of young people, especially our Epworth League workers.

WILLIAM A. MOWET, Ph. D., so long the editor of Education, has written for Zion's Herald a series of War Stories in four parts, giving graphic descriptions of what he saw in the late Civil War.

PRESIDENT HENRY WADE ROGERS, of Northwestern University, Evanston, has written the first of our new educational series upon "Education West and East." These will be published with portraits.

REV. J. WEARN DEARBORN, so well known as an able art critic, by special request, will write upon the following very interesting topics: "What Some Boston Artists are Doing;" "Pictures in the United States Worth Going to See;" "New Ways of Making Pictures;" "Some Interesting Art Histories;" "Present Tendencies in Religious Art."

REV. JUSTIN A. SMITH, D. D., the distinguished editor of the Standard of Chicago (Baptist), has written the first paper in the series of our "Other Editors," upon "The Baptists of America—Progress and Tendency." These articles will also be illustrated.

PRINCIPAL R. A. BISHOP, of the Vermont Conference Seminary, has written ably and convincingly upon "Monday as a School Holiday."

REV. W. HOWATT GARDNER makes a most valuable contribution upon "The Pulpit and the Pastoral Office."

Prof. W. T. DAVISON, of England, whose paper on "Biblical Criticism" attracted such favorable attention at the Ecumenical Conference, will, by special request and assignment, write a series of articles upon the same topic for Zion's Herald, acquainting our readers with the results of the latest critical and reverent study of the Scriptures. These contributions will be especially instructive.

REV. RUEN THOMAS, D. D., has written with marked ability and with special suggestiveness for our young readers upon "Manliness."

REV. C. H. PARKHURST, D. D., of New York, will write with characteristic strength and style upon "Applied Christianity."

The New England Southern Conference Edition forebodes what the other special numbers will contain. All the special editions will be published before the sessions of the Spring Conferences. An unusual demand will be made for these numbers because of the large amount of historic data which each will contain. Those who would make sure of securing these copies should subscribe at once.

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## NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

The Needs of This Field.

REV. GEO. H. HAYES.

First, there is need of a more pronounced, distinctive type of Methodism, that has no apologies to present for its presence nor its splendidly justified methods and polity. In this pre-occupied, Pilgrim-own territory there is well-nigh no place for Methodism save as it supplies something that the other churches do not give. But, true to the simplicity of its sublime mission—the mightiest converting and uplifting agency that touches the great masses of men, the most militant of all moral forces—it was never more needed than now. It is significant that the comparatively few churches that are reaping any large and real prosperity are true to their antecedents in both type and temperament. That Methodism has greatly modified the "standing order" here at the very springhead of its power, and thus has grandly asserted in part its providential mission, is unquestionably true; but it is equally true that it has itself been modified by the impact, and too largely, at the very points of its peculiar power.

There is need of this re-assertion in a missionary aspect. Our field is fast filling with foreign populations—the "wasted, brutalized continent" of all European countries and tribes. On the east the islands of the sea have come to us. In many of our inland villages invasions from the north and from overseas have put the English-speaking people in minority. Socialism, Sabbath-breaking and the saloon are destroying the peace and carrying defilement into the cleanest of our country towns. These portentous perils present a problem that only the most powerful home missionary movement can ever solve. Our happily-begun Swedish and French missions, with the more recent Portuguese effort, are pointers that make plain our pathway. If Methodism would save itself here in Southern New England, let it save these people.

Then there is imperative need of increased connection in the country and of concentration in the cities. Individualism—verging on Congregationalism—is enfeebling and tending to the extinction of many of our churches. To be felt, Methodism must combine forces; be a unit in fact as it is in formation. Many country churches are expending all their energies in the struggle for a mere existence. They demand the undivided services of a pastor, and sometimes even enter the bus business to maintain him. How superior, and how needed here, is the efficient system of our English brethren!

But the evils of this un-Methodistic independence are even more conspicuous in our cities. In some of these centres Methodism is doing little more than holding its own—a serious fact, since failure here is failure at our strongest point. Needless multiplication of feeble churches, often in close proximity, and the lack of combined effort, is the explanation. We are lost in our separated littleness.

Rallying centres like Wesley's "City Road Chapel," if not "cathedrals," are a need of to-day; thoroughly equipped, hand isomely supported, from which our forces could go forth fired for the hardest field and splendidly sustained in the most protracted conflict.

Rockville, Conn.

## Special Difficulties in This Field.

REV. D. P. LEAVITT.

It was a more grateful service to speak of the special needs of the work than of its special hindrances. I think, first, of its physical difficulties. It is located in three States, and reaches from the Connecticut River to the end of Cape Cod—hundreds of miles. It is long and narrow, and has no centre. This prevents Conference continuity, and so Conference unity. Many of the appointments are small, with little promise of enlargement. There are 199 charges, 117 of which have a membership of less than 100. The Cape was once a centre and feeder of Methodism, but in these days it is impossible to hold our ground, and the future is not hopeful. Other sections of its territory are rapidly increasing in population, but the increase is not of Methodism or Protestantism.

But the special and greatest difficulty is the inability to keep its young and promising ministers. Between the captures made by the New England and New York East, and some of the Western Conferences, it is impossible to achieve the highest success. Many are called to educational work. Several who a little while ago were serving its churches are now presidents of colleges. The greatness of our losses may be realized by calling to mind the names of a few of the men who have left the Conference for other fields of labor: Drs. R. M. Hatfield, J. A. M. Chapman, C. H. Payne, S. F. Upham, L. B. Bates, D. H. Elia, F. J. Wagner, J. E. C. Sawyer, Emory J. Haynes, E. McChesney, Geo. E. Reed, B. P. Raymond, C. W. Gallagher, E. M. Taylor. No Conference can be depleted of such a body of able and excellent men without having its progress sadly interrupted. But these are not all. Many others equally good and equally talented have left its ranks, and the end is not yet. Others will go. If the Conference could retain the young men of promise now on its roll, a few years would witness a great enlargement of its work. But it will not, because it cannot. It will continue to be the foraging ground of the church. At the last Conference fifteen were transferred into the Conference and eleven out. Several changes have occurred since the session. All this is unfortunate for the body, whatever the result may be on the work at large. There is no building up a strong body without per-

manence in its membership. There is little esprit de corps in a Conference held together by a rope of sand.

Stoughton, Mass.

## Camp-meetings of Southern New England.

REV. JOHN OLDMAN.

There are at least a dozen camp-meetings held within the bounds of our Conference, but only four are recognized Methodist meetings. The first of these, as to date of organization, is the famous

Martha's Vineyard.

Beautiful for situation, with healthful and invigorating sea breezes, it is the summer retreat of thousands. The first meeting was held in August, 1835. The grounds were purchased in 1865 at a cost of \$1,300, and now contain an elegant church, a neat chapel, a magnificent iron tabernacle, and hundreds of beautiful cottages, while the avenues, circles, and parks, adorned with handsome lawns and fragrant flowers, delight the eye and refresh the soul; but, best of all, "the beauty of the Lord our God" has been imparted to thousands of lives at its fifty-six camp-meetings. Of the present status of this meeting, opinions differ. Some declare, "The glory has departed!" but we are not of this number. Changed conditions require the use of different methods of work. The society tent with its workers is a thing of the past. Instead thereof we have a city of cottages and hotels thronged with summer visitors. The ministers who frequent this place do not go to engage in camp-meeting work, but for rest, recreation and such mental diversion as will contribute to their physical health. Let the preaching be such as the people will gladly hear; let social, educational, and other problems of the day be considered by specialists, from a Christian standpoint, followed by free discussions, and thus give a religious tone to the character and life of the place, and doubtless the results will be as beneficial as those of former years.

Willimantic.

Camp-ground, right in the heart of Norwich District, is a city set on a hill, and gives moral light to the whole of eastern Connecticut. The first meeting was held in 1860. The beautiful pine grove is admirably adapted to its purpose. This meeting has been affected less by the shore resorts than any other of our camp-meetings, and many of the Methodists of the district make it their summer home. Tent and camp life have never to any great extent been features of this meeting. Connecticut Methodists show their good sense in preferring comfortable cottages and substantial society houses. There are at least 150 family cottages, and 30 churches worship in commodious and well-arranged buildings. A tabernacle was completed this year at a cost of \$2,300. Powerful meetings are the rule and not the exception, and those of the last three years, under the direction of Presiding Elder Thirrell, have been fully equal to those of former years. The experiment of having an evangelist to conduct the altar services, is a pronounced success. This meeting is celebrated for its grand singing, and Bro. Harry Wilson, who has conducted it for more than twenty-five years, deserves the highest praise.

Yarmouth.

This meeting, as the successor of old Eastham, claims to be the oldest camp-meeting in New England. It is the Mecca for Cape Cod Methodists; situated midway between Boston and Provincetown, it is easy of access from all parts of the Cape, and also from the "Hub." Grace Church, Hanover Street, and Father Taylor's Bethel, of Boston, formerly had tents on these grounds, and Isaac Rich, David Snow, O. T. Taylor and other prominent Bostonians were conspicuous figures at its meetings. The first meeting was held in 1863. The attendance has been affected somewhat by the shore resort craze; but a reaction has set in, the crowds present this year reminding every one of "the good old times," and never was a better meeting held. Rev. Walter Elia, the popular presiding elder, was aided by a noble band of Christian workers. This is an old-fashioned camp-meeting. Cottages are comparatively few, and society and family tents abound, while the old-time altar-service has lost none of its power. A fine tabernacle was erected last year at a cost of \$3,000, with a seating capacity of 2,000. Cape Cod Methodism has enriched many of our city churches, and not a few of their influential men found the Lord at old Eastham, or Yarmouth.

Hebronville.

This is the only camp-meeting on Providence District. The grounds are leased from the "American Millennial Association." Only four meetings have been held here. Situated eight miles from Providence, on the Old Colony Railroad, it accommodates the people in the immediate vicinity who would not be likely to attend other meetings. Rev. J. W. Willett was its founder, and its success is chiefly due to his untiring zeal.

The question is often asked: Why do we not witness such scenes of power at these meetings as were frequent in the past? The answer is simple, namely: The higher education of the masses renders them less susceptible to the emotional, and while the altars may not be so crowded with penitents as formerly, yet it is not true that quite as many, or even more, are led to a decision to begin a Christian life, under the faithful preaching of the Gospel? We may not see the results, but the operations of the Holy Spirit are not always seen with the natural eye. Changed conditions demand a change of methods, and if these produce as good, and perhaps more permanent results, shall we say the former days were better than the present?

Brookton, Mass.

## "QUEEN CITY" LETTER.

"CINCINNATI."

CINCINNATI is showing an attractive prospect for the winter season. The current month gives hostages enough for all promises of lively issues yet to come. The Young Men's Christian Association has just moved into its palatial quarters, celebrating the move with a carnival week, the house-warming stretching into a seven days' jubilee. The new building is an imposing structure in red sandstone, erected at a cost of \$100,000. Membership tickets admit the bearer to bath-rooms, bowling alley, elevated running track, gymnasium and camera-club rooms, and to all courses of lectures and entertainments.

The Cincinnati Church Extension Society is erecting a mission chapel in the heart of the German population, on the lot where, three years ago, quartered in one room, the Society began its career. The new chapel shows a front of pressed brick, stucco and tile, and roofs over a reading-room, auditorium and class-rooms, divided by partition-work of glass, throwing the floor into one room. It will be seated with reversible chairs and lighted by electricity, and are light "blazing" the main entrance. The Society is planning to use its new post as the base of operations in its city work. Rev. Wilbur G. Warner, the newest man on the evangelistic staff, made a study, some months since, of the forward methods in the West London Mission, and is ready to engraft them here. He will put an orchestra and a stereopticon into the new building, and will frame some of the clubs so successfully incorporated in mission work on British soil. Mr. Warner's inaugural club, however, will have no English antecedents. It will be very like the London Goose Clubs, State Clubs and Christmas Clubs, but will declare all dividends in coal. When there are dues owed in the treasury, coal dealers will be asked to send in their bills. A large cut in retail prices will be asked on wholesale as well as charitable grounds. Mr. Warner wields a pair of bellows that will soon have fires blazing on all his "Coal Club" hearths.

The Church Extension Society poses in its published reports as a salvage corps, modestly basing its claims on a capital of \$75,000 that it has saved in property to city Methodism. It has just had a perplexing question to settle. At the close of the Cincinnati Conference the Society had five churches to provide for, and only two ministers at its disposal. Local preachers were first placed in three of the pulpits, deacons supplementing their work through the week. But the new yoke-mates failed to carry the prestige of the cloth. Finally, the question was solved by declaring the five churches a circuit, and revivifying the preachers on the circuit-riding plan. A veritable "merry-go-round" was started at first. Now comes the revised plan, locating each preacher at one charge for all services except the second prayer-meeting and the last Sunday night in each month. The "Circuit Manual," issued in September, tickets the preachers off by numbers, and gives a diagram, squared off like a checker-board, showing the various jumps to be made by the men. But the new plan has already blocked their moves. The Society is turning its own organ, the *City Evangelist*, off of its presses every week. It has just become its exclusive property by the purchase of its copyright and other franchises, and the net proceeds are to be expended in city mission work. Every church has a representative on its reportorial staff. The publishers have been booming their mailing list with non-subscribers, hoping to put them in touch with aggressive city work. The Thanksgiving and Christmas issues flaunt their colored holiday covers.

Rev. Charles R. Brown enters the winter with his same penchant for experiments in applied Christianity. His unique building association is no longer an experiment, but an assured success. He has lately essayed classes in typewriting, stenography, telegraphy and book-keeping, that meet at 7 o'clock Wednesday night in the lecture-room of the church. There are no emoluments for the pastor or his corps of assistants, but an unflagging attendance at prayer-meeting was at once secured.

The name of "Wesley" is blazoned on all the escutcheons of Wesley Chapel. The Wesley Club maintains a reading-room, the Wesley Cornet Band furnishes all music, and Wesley's Journal circulates every month among all members of the church and congregation. The League has just made Boston the goal of one of its "Ideal Trips."

A score or more of the preachers have recently booked for forty lectures under the Ministerial Institute, meeting for the present at 9 o'clock Monday morning at Wesley Chapel. Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., gives one course of twenty lectures on "Practical Theology," and Rev. C. W. Rishell another twenty on "Historical Theology." Mr. Rishell re-enters the Conference after two years' absence in Germany, bringing the best in thought from the Fatherland to his new charge at Asbury Chapel. He has been sermonizing some on Old Testament history since his return.

The winter season opens in the Cincinnati District Epworth League with Rev. E. S. Lewis, D. D., the newly installed pastor of Trinity Church, in the president's chair. All chapters were called to assemble en masse at the League convention, Dec. 1, in St. Paul's Church. Rev. John Pearson, D. D., conducted a question-drawer—"How can the League be Utilized in Revival Services?" In the morning, Rev. C. W. Barnes, of Springfield, condensed a very successful series of sermons to young men into the last hour of the afternoon session. Dr. Berry left his editorial sanctum to address the convention in the evening.

Dr. S. A. Keen's removal to evangelistic fields sent an episcopal summons to New Haven, Conn., that brought Rev. Simon McChesney, D. D., to the Cincinnati Conference and the vacant pastorate at Walnut Hills. Dr. McChesney is an ex-pastor of Broad St. Church, Columbus, and no stranger to Buckeye Methodism. His name came at once into local prominence as the signature of an able communication on "Our Episcopacy," that was published in one of the leading dailies during the meeting of the Bishops, and sent out by the associated press. He attacked the life tenure of the bishopric, depicting its evils, and placed the episcopal tour in the category of heavy and unnecessary expenses. His graphic pen draws three highways—the educational, secretarial and editorial—leading to Episcopal Junction, but fails to trace the pastoral road as far as "Hard Scabble Station." He predicts a growth of centralized power, with a train of Methodist bishops, primates and red-hatted cardinals. A brief reply from Dr. Moore in the current issue of the *Western Messenger* brings Dr. McChesney to the front again in two columns of the same daily. He defines his position, and asks for a modification, not the abolition, of the bishopric. He claims that the Methodist Church makes powerful appeals to human ambition. Dr. McChesney's points were well taken, many of them beyond the ground of refutation, and the communication was timely—from a secular press point of view. Whether it was the point of courtesy to impale the Bishops while they were guests of city Methodism, is quite another question. In the meantime Cincinnati as a body had gone after the Bishops, and the discussion was only an incident in their stay. Bishops' night will long be memorable in the annals of the Social Union. Some of the Bishops were reminiscent, calling up their salad days when they were serving Cincinnati charges back in the ante-bellum days. Bishop Walden's return to his home diocese brought two hundred Cincinnati Methodists together under Dr. Hartzell's hospitable roof.

These short days find the preachers busy taking their inventories and making a mental appraisal of all their stock on hand.

## CONSECRATION OF DEACONESSES.

A generous audience gathered at Tremont Street Church on Monday evening, Dec. 7, to witness a service new to New England, and which had been looked forward to with solicitude and interest as a point of departure for the deaconess work. The ladies who were presented for this occasion, and who had taken the two years' preparatory course to fit them for their special work, were Miss Mary E. Lunn, long known as the efficient and well-nigh indispensable superintendent, Miss Clara M. Organ, Mrs. Helen E. Whelen, and Miss Jennie H. Morrison. If those who were familiar with the faithful, patient and self-denying work of these ladies had contributed of their knowledge for the benefit of the audience, there would have been evoked, doubtless, the warmest enthusiasm. As it was, if ever the blessing of Divine Providence rested manifestly on any occasion, or if ever His Spirit brooded over an audience, it did in this auspicious service. As the deaconesses filed into the church, there was no cloistered air about them, but simply, modestly and cheerfully they entered and were seated. They were all habited in plain black, the four who were to be consecrated wearing each a white carnation, emblematic, it is fair to assume, of the fact that they pledged to the work before them the white flower of a consecrated life.

The exercises were chaste and simple to the last degree. A prescribed form of ritual was followed, and consisted chiefly of singing, prayer by Rev. W. J. Haven, reading of responsive selections under charge of Presiding Elder Chadbourne, an address by Rev. W. N. Brodbeck, presentation of candidates by Rev. W. R. Clark, D. D., consecrating prayer and address to the candidates by Bishop Foster, and presentation of certificates by Dr. Brodbeck as chairman of Conference Board. Dr. Brodbeck's address to the people, which was a clear exposition of the work and relations to the church of the deaconesses, will appear in full in the *Deaconess Home Journal*, and will be eminently worth reading. Bishop Foster spoke with much feeling, and emphasized the fact that both the preacher and the church members were not released from their duties and functions by the presence of a deaconess, and that the church was crowded full of work for all. While the deaconesses might well ameliorate the condition of the sick and the indigent in our midst, the church members themselves must not stay their hands, but work the harder.

The four deaconesses, kneeling at the altar, sang sweetly Miss Haverall's "Consecration Hymn," amidst a hushed audience, and with prayer and benediction closed one of the sweetest, most impressive, and most spiritually elevating services it was possible to imagine.

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